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TAGS: OEXC, GT (FITCH, JAMES M.)

SUBJECT: AMSPEC JAMES M. FITCH

1. JAMES MARSTON FITCH, PROFESSOR OF ARCHITECTURE AT COLUMBIA'S GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING AND DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE PROGRAM IN RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE AT COLUMBIA, WILL BE TRAVELING TO LIMA AS AN AMSPEC TO PARTICIPATE IN TWO-WEEK SEMINAR IN HISTORICAL PRESERVATION WHICH EMBASSY IS SPONSORING OCTOBER 75.

2. SHOULD POST BE INTERESTED IN ARRANGING PROGRAM ON THIS SUBJECT DURING THIS TIME FRAME, FITCH WOULD LIKE TO STOP IN GUATEMALA EITHER BEFORE OR FOLLOWING PERU.

3. DEPARTMENT IS FORWARDING FITCH'S CURRICULUM VITAE, AND SELECTIONS FROM A REPORT ON PRESERVATION, REHABILITATION AND TOURISTIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE HISTORIC CORE OF QUITO WHICH FITCH PREPARED IN APRIL 74 UNDER AN AID FINANCED PROJECT. ALTHOUGH FITCH HAS NO SPANISH, HE IS MANIFESTLY EXPERT IN HIS FIELD.

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4. THERE IS ALSO POSSIBILITY THAT RICARDO ALEGRIA, NOW  
PUERTO RICO'S SECRETARY FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS, WILL BE

SECOND AMSPEC PARTICIPANT IN PERU'S SEMINAR AND THAT HE  
MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO STOP FOR GUATEMALAN PROGRAM.  
ALEGRIA DID GRADUATE WORK AT UNIVERSITIES OF CHICAGO AND  
HARVARD, FOUNDED CENTER FOR ARCHEOLOGICAL RESEARCH, AND WAS  
DIRECTOR MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY, HISTORY AND ART AT  
UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO.

4. POST IS TO ADVISE IF INTERESTED IN ARRANGING PROGRAM  
FOR FITCH AND POSSIBLY ALEGRIA. KISSINGER

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